





## **PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, the week of April 6 – 12, 2015, is National Public Health Week in the United States and the theme is "Healthiest Nation 2030"; and

WHEREAS, since 1995, the American Public Health Association, through its sponsorship of National Public Health Week, has educated the public, policymakers and public health professionals about issues important to improving the public's health; and

WHEREAS, preventing diseases before they start is critical to helping people live longer, healthier lives while managing health-related costs; and

**WHEREAS,** preventable chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes are responsible for millions of premature deaths each year; and

WHEREAS, chronic diseases cause Americans to miss 2.5 billion days of work each year, resulting in lost productivity totaling more than \$1 trillion; and

WHEREAS, investing just \$10 per person each year in proven, community-based public health efforts could save the nation more than \$16 billion within five years; and

WHEREAS, a strong public health system is critical for sustaining and improving community health.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Gene Winstead, Mayor of the City of Bloomington MN, hereby proclaim April 6 – 12, 2015, as

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in the City of Bloomington, MN and call upon the people of Bloomington to observe this week by helping out families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders better understand the value of public health and adopt preventive lifestyle habits in light of this year's theme, "Healthiest Nation 2030".

Dated this 6th day of April, 2015.

Gene Winstead, Mayor City of Bloomington, MN